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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Claims 1-50, drawn to a jaw assembly, classified in class 269, subclass
 257.

II. Claims 51-53, drawn to a method of clamping an object in a vise, classified in class 29, subclass 559.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the apparatus can be used to practice another method. For example, the block with the hydraulically actuated pins can be used as a floor jack to elevate an irregularly shaped object to a desired elevation.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 703 308-1747. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs., 5:30am - 4:00pm.

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